

REMARKS

In view of the above amendment, the enclosures and the following remarks, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections and rejections set forth in the Office Action of August 13, 2001, are earnestly solicited.

The objection to the Abstract is believed mooted by the replacement submitted herewith.

A new title is proposed herein as being more accurately reflective of the claimed invention.

Claims 37-40 stand rejected under obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-18 of U.S. Patent No. 5,138,459. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Enclosed herewith is an Establishment of Assignee's Right to Prosecute Application Under 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b) and a Terminal Disclaimer to the terminal part of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of commonly assigned U.S. Patent No. 5,138,459. These enclosures are believed to overcome the obviousness-type double patenting rejection.

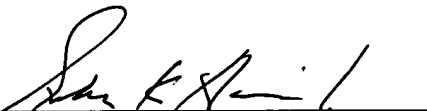
Claims 37-40 are now believed to be in condition for allowance, early acknowledgement of which is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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